

SOUTH CAROLINA EDUCATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
Minutes of the Meeting
August 15, 2002
2:00PM
Room 433, Blatt Building

Members Present: Mr. Staton, Mr. Martin, Mrs. Cooper, Mr. Daniel, Senator Fair, Senator Giese, Dr. Gummerson, Mr. Hall, Mrs. Hoag, Senator Leatherman, Mr. Lightsey, Mrs. Marlowe, Mr. Stowe, Superintendent Tenenbaum, Representative Walker, and Mr. Wilson

I. **Welcome and Introductions**

Mr. Staton welcomed members and guests to the meeting. He amended the order of the meeting to ask Mrs. Carnes to report first.

II. **The High Performance Partnership**

Mrs. Edwina Carnes reported on behalf of the High Performance Partnerships. She outlined the purpose and focus of the program and celebrated the 101st partnership with a SC school.

III. **Consideration of the 2002-03 Objectives and Critical Actions**

Mr. Staton distributed the recommendations from the Staff and Administration Subcommittee. Members discussed the focused approach; several members raised questions about continuing responsibilities. Senator Fair proposed that Objective Three be amended to read: "Increase the level of parental, community and political engagement in and support of school improvement so that all children have the opportunity to achieve at the highest levels" (new language underlined). Dr. Gummerson seconded the motion. Members discussed the language. The motion passed.

The objectives were adopted as amended.

IV. **The SDE Teacher Advancement Program**

Supt. Tenenbaum introduced Todd White, Director of the Teacher Advancement Program for the SDE. Mr. White presented information on the program and its potential impact for SC schools. Members asked a number of questions and discussed the program's professional development and performance pay principles.

V. **Remarks from a Key Constituency**

Dr. Al Eads, incoming President of the National Association of Rural Educators, addressed the EOC and shared the issues affecting rural schools.

VI. **Progress in Community Meetings**

Mr. Martin shared the schedule for the community meetings and asked members to volunteer for open sessions.

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.